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SUBJ: BLOCK ARTS FESTIVAL POSTPONED

REF: LAGOS A-80, APRIL 27, 1973

1. SECOND WORLD BLACK AND AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE HAS BEEN POSTPONED AGAIN AND IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN LAGOS FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 20, 1975. THIS IS SECOND DATE CHANGE FOR FESTIVAL ORIGINALLY SET FOR NOVEMBER 1974 AND SHIFTED INITIALLY TO JANUARY 1975 (LAGOS 8982). INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FESTIVAL, WHICH MET IN LAGOS LAST WEEK, JUSTIFIED LATEST POSTPONEMENT ON BASIS "NECESSITY TO HAVE ALL PHYSICAL STRUCTURES NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL READY."

2. COMMENT:

----- AS REPORTED REF AIRGRAM AND PREVIOUS, THERE HAS LONG BEEN QUESTION WHETHER THEATER COMPLEX COULD COMPLETED IN TIME FOR JANUARY 1975 FESTIVAL. IN ADDITION, INITIAL 7,000 UNITS OF NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE USED FOR FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL JUNE 1975, AND SEVERAL ANCILLARY PROJECTS (ROADS, HOTELS) WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM EXTRA NINE MONTHS.

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3. FMG RELEASE ANNOUNCING COMMITTEE DECISION DESCRIBES
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1975 DATES AS "FINAL." ON BASIS
KNOW CONSTRUCTIONSCHEDULES FOR FESTIVAL STRUCTURES,
WE BELIEVE THESE LATEST DATES SHOULD HOLD.
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